

higher job-growth, and to improve the standard of living and quality of life of our children and grandchildren—undertakings that take much time and effort. Isaiah's message makes the importance and urgency of these undertakings no less daunting, but does reassure us that if we trust in the Holy Spirit, he will allow us to persevere.

I urge all Americans to celebrate National Bible Week to discover the lessons, inspiration and guidance that God's scripture provides for each of us.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING SIXTEENTH STREET COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

• Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I would like to take this time to recognize and congratulate the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center on its 40th anniversary.

Located in the heart of Milwaukee's diverse south side, the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center provides high quality health care services to low income and non-English speaking residents in its surrounding neighborhoods. Providing more than just basic health care, the center offers a full range of social services, health education, and important mental health services.

The Sixteenth Street Community Health Center began in 1969 when a small group of residents opened the Health Contact Center with the goal of providing care to central city residents who may not otherwise have access to medical services. Residents throughout the neighborhood came together to ensure that the health center had the resources and support it needed to thrive.

Just 10 years after it opened, the health center doubled in size. Throughout its history, it has partnered with the city of Milwaukee, local hospitals and clinics, and charitable organizations to continue its growth and expand the services it provides to patients. Today, the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center offers prenatal care, social services, environmental health education, HIV treatment and prevention education, physical therapy, nutrition and wellness education, and much more. In 2006, it opened its second clinic and last year it served more than 27,000 patients.

I have a long and proud history of working with the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center. The center, widely recognized as an exemplary health organization, is a treasured vital community asset. For 40 years, the staff of the center has worked diligently to fulfill its mission of providing care to as many people as possible regardless of income or insurance status. In Milwaukee, the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center is synonymous with quality health care, community service, and passion for all.

On behalf of our State and Nation, I applaud the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center on 40 years of out-

standing service and wish them continued success and a strong future.●

REMEMBERING RICHARD NEAL FOSTER

• Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge the life of one of Alaska's most dedicated public servants. Representative Richard Neal Foster served as a member of the Alaska House of Representatives for nearly 21 years. Since his election in 1988 he represented the residents of Nome and 28 villages with great love and dedication. Alaska will remember him this Friday at a memorial service in Anchorage.

A lifelong Alaskan, Representative Foster was born and raised in Nome. He received a business administration degree from the University of Alaska. He managed Foster Aviation, a family-run air service started by his father in 1946. He was a civic leader in the community of Nome serving on the boards of the Bering Straits Native Corporation, the Sitnasuak Native Corporation, Nome Eskimo Community, and the Northwest Campus of the University of Alaska.

Representative Foster will be remembered for a lifetime of public service. After serving two tours in Vietnam as a captain in military intelligence he was awarded the Bronze Star. He received a commission as a second lieutenant in the Army through the University of Alaska, Army ROTC program. As a man with passion for Alaska, he later served with the Alaska Army National Guard in Nome.

During his tenure in the Alaska State legislature, he served as majority whip from 1993 to 2007. Showing his commitment to address the challenges of rural Alaska, he was a member of the Bush Caucus as well as the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Task Force Committee. And, in 2009, he was honored as a University of Alaska Distinguished Alumni because of his dedication to public service.

As one of the longest serving members in the Alaska legislature, it saddens me to acknowledge that Alaska has lost one of our truly great leaders. I had the honor of serving in the legislature with Representative Foster. He was a man with an infectious laugh and he had a great love for the Seward Peninsula and the State of Alaska. Never letting divisive politics come between friendships, he was known for his humility and friendliness to both Republicans and Democrats. His "Friday at Fosters" events, where he hosted legislators, staff, administration officials, friends, and visitors for a Friday evening jam sessions for over 17 years, will be sorely missed.

Foster loved the outdoors of the Seward Peninsula, a region with a rich mining history. He spent his summers at Hannum Creek, working on his family's mining claims. One time, he and his sister Iris and son Neal walked 80 miles of the historic mining trail from Quartz Creek to Hannum Creek to ex-

perience the journey of "Old Timers." In addition, Foster was known for his love of military history including the Civil War and World War II and was a collector of military weapons.

He is survived by his wife Cathryn of Eatonville, WA; seven sons, Neal Foster of Nome, AK; James Foster of Anchorage, AK; Nathan Foster of Ellendale, ND; 1st Lt. Jason Weber, LCpl Richard Foster, Ramsey Foster, and Chandler Foster, all of Eatonville, WA; and two daughters, Maria Stevens of Tacoma, WA, Tiffany Sanchez of Miami, OK; and sister Margaret "Iris" Magnell of Laguna Hills, CA.

Foster's public service to the State of Alaska will continue to positively impact the lives of Alaskans for decades to come.●

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK MEN UNITED

• Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the National Association of Black Men United, NABMU, and congratulate them for 10 years of dedication to advancing education.

The National Association of Black Men United has been instrumental in increasing college students' graduation rates in my home State of Arkansas. Their focus on graduating students at the University of Central Arkansas has sparked expansion to Howard University in the District of Columbia.

Furthermore, the National Association of Black Men United was founded on the principle that everyone who attends college should reach the goal of graduation, regardless of race. The purpose is to assist black men in obtaining a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. The organization provides men with the tools needed to increase graduation rates and improve economic advancements within the African-American community. These tools include educational forums, workshops, mentorship programs, and financial plans to guide students to graduation. NABMU's vision is to expand across the country, helping individuals in all corners of the United States.

NABMU teaches a set of 10 primary responsibilities that encourage students to earn their degree. These responsibilities range from sitting in the front of the classroom, being diligent with their finances, and being responsible for their own actions. Another vital function of the organization is to assist young men in finding careers in the field of their choice.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the National Association of Black Men United and especially their chapter at the University of Central Arkansas for their outstanding work.●

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES EARLE CRAFTS

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Charles Earle Crafts of